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## Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Iwo Jima

DURING THE years between the two World Wars, the marines were confronted by a problem. Their mission as sea-soldiers had become complicated by advances in weapons and fighting techniques. In the old days it had been simple to load marines into longboats and row them to the beach. Now, tanks, big guns, bulldozers, trucks, quantities of fuel and ammunition had to be landed along with the men. Also, greater numbers of troops had to be



## Iwo Jima



*4th Division Marines are pinned down by enemy fire as they hit the beach.*

*(Upper right) A pair of flame throwers blaze the way over rough terrain.*

*(Lower right) Marines aim their mortar fire at Mount Suribachi.*

*A Marine marksman picks off enemy soldiers concealed in a pillbox.*

